

Sunderban waterways, Barak river, DVC canal, Kakinada-Mercaunam canal integrated with Godavari and Krishna rivers, East Coast canal integrated with Brahmani river and extension of National Waterway No-3. These waterways have been found to be viable for Inland water transport. However, their declaration as National Waterways and development thereof would depend on availability of resources.

News-item "Kandla Scam : CBI caught on wrong foot yet again"

1084. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Kandla Scam: CBI caught on wrong foot yet again", which appeared in the Indian Express, dated 3rd January, 2001; and

(b) if so, Government's response and reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The matter is under investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation.

Implementation of Integrated Programme for street Children (IPSC) in Andhra Pradesh

1085. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government are implementing the Integrated Programme for Street Children (IPSC) in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) If so, the details thereof with destitute children covered, district-wise;

(c) whether Government have assessed the success of IPSC up Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the finding thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) District-wise coverage of Street Children each year under the above scheme is as under:

S.No.	District	No. of NGO	No. Street Children
1.	Krishna	2	600
2.	Hyderabad	6	950
3.	Guntur	5	1900
4.	Visakhapatnam	5*	1300
5.	Mahabubnagar	1	100
Total		19	4850

*One sanctioned in January 2001.

(c) and (d) During the year 2000, projects under the scheme were evaluated all over the country through the Childline India Foundation, Mumbai. 18 projects were evaluated in Andhra Pradesh. 7 were found to be working satisfactory while another 4 were found to be requiring improvements in varying degrees. The remaining 7 were considered not fit for receiving further grants. The Ministry followed up the evaluation report by sending show cause notices to all the organization whose performance was unsatisfactory and necessary action has been taken to stop grant-in-aid and blacklist wherever necessary.

World Bank for Social Risk Management system in South Asia

1086. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the suggestion made by the World Bank to introduce a Social Risk Management system in South Asian countries including India;

(b) if so, the views of Government on the subject; and

(c) the steps being proposed to be taken by Government to provide risk cover for victims from floods, earthquake, drought, crop failure like natural calamities particularly in rural areas, on a permanent basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) World Bank has prepared a report entitled "Social Protection Sector Strategy—From Safety Net to Spring Board". It is a general report about risk management